



The Bookworm Ages 3-5

From your Local Library and Idaho's Read to Me Program

Help your young child get ready to read...

Developing a love of reading, or **print motivation**, is one of the six early literacy skills that help young children become readers when they begin school. Here's how you can help your child become interested in books:

- Make book-sharing a special time between you and your child. Get comfortable and cozy!
- Let your child see you reading and enjoying reading.
- Visit your public library often. Make it a special night or day of the week and make a big deal about it.
- Let children choose the books they want to read or have read to them.
- Give books as gifts.
- Young children have a short attention span, so keep reading activities brief and fun.
- Share rhymes and songs that young children enjoy. Keeping books fun will keep them coming back for more.

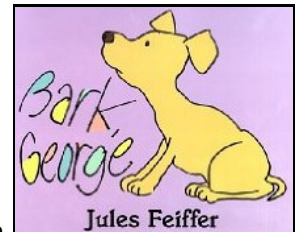


Children who enjoy books will want to learn to read and are more likely to become life-long readers!

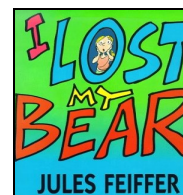
Book of the Month

***Bark, George*, written by Jules Feiffer**

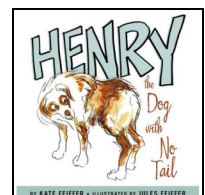
"*Bark, George*," says George's mother, and George goes: "*Meow*," which isn't right, because George is a dog! His mother says, "*Bark, George*." And George goes, "*Quack, quack*." What's going on with George? This is a very funny story that children will want to read again and again.



If your child enjoyed this story, look for these other books by the author:



I Lost My Bear



Henry the Dog With No Tail

More great books your child will love reading:

Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late, Mo Willems
Knufflebunny, Mo Willems
How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food? Jane Yolen
Goodnight Gorilla, Peggy Rathman
Llama, Llama, Mad at Mama, Anna Dewdney
Wiggle, Doreen Cronin
I Stink! Kate and Jim McMullen
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, Laura Numeroff

More fun with *Bark, George!*

"Play literacy"... Children enjoy trying out adult roles when they play store or doctor or house. Adults use their reading skills everyday, when shopping, working, using the telephone, visiting the doctor, so why not children? Including literacy in children's play helps make the experience richer. Children are learning when they are playing. Here are some ideas for play literacy with *Bark, George!*

- Set up a pretend veterinarian clinic. Make signs, an appointment book, medicine bottles, a nametag for the doctor, etc.
- Call to make an appointment for George.
- Act out the story— use stuffed animals or pictures of animals from magazines.
- Open the clinic to other animals that your child can take care of. Show her how to make notes on a medical chart or write a prescription.



Use your imagination when playing with literacy at home. You and your child will have a great time and not even realize that you are learning. Have fun playing!



Wintertime Tunes!

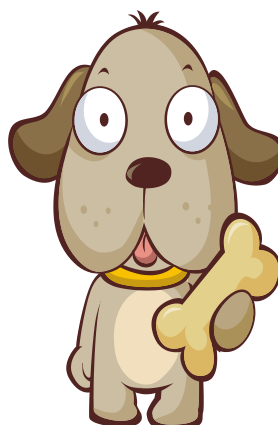
'Tis the season to sing "Jingle Bells" and other family favorites. Sharing songs is a good way to explore language and different cultures with your child. Music activities can help build vocabulary and improve attention span, concentration and memory. Here are some websites for song favorites:

<http://bussongs.com>

www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/index.htm

Song BINGO

There was a farmer had a dog,
And Bingo was his name-O.
B-I-N-G-O!
B-I-N-G-O!
B-I-N-G-O!
And Bingo was his name-O!



There was a farmer had a dog,
And Bingo was his name-O.
(Clap)-I-N-G-O!
(Clap)-I-N-G-O!
(Clap)-I-N-G-O!
And Bingo was his name-O!

Continue clapping one more letter in each verse, until you are clapping for all five letters.

You can hear the tune and watch a video at
<http://bussongs.com/songs/bingo.php>

What your library can do for you...

Your library is a great place to find holiday books, music, videos and DVDs!

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